

Preliminary Amendment
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Claim 7 (Amended). The wheel bearing as claimed in claim 3, wherein a surface of the first annular sealing plate which forms the engagement has a surface roughness not greater than R_{max} 3.0.

Please add the following new claims:

--46 (New). The wheel bearing as claim in claim 4, wherein a surface of the first annular sealing plate which forms the engagement has a surface roughness not greater than R_{max} 3.0.--.

--46 (New). The wheel bearing as claim in claim 5, wherein a surface of the first annular sealing plate which forms the engagement has a surface roughness not greater than R_{max} 3.0.--.

--46 (New). The wheel bearing as claim in claim 6, wherein a surface of the first annular sealing plate which forms the engagement has a surface roughness not greater than R_{max} 3.0.--.